

Unto His Grace, the Marquess of Tweeddale, His MAJESTIES High Commissioner, and the Right Honourable Estates of Parliament.

The Magistrats and Town Council of Inverness, for themselves, and the Community of the said Burgh,

Humbly sheweth,

THat where in the beginning of May 1689. Cal. McDonald of Keppoch, and his Complices raised a Band of Men, to the number of a Thousand, and came on a sudden within a Myle of the Town of Inverness, and threatned them with present Plunder, Fire and Sword, unless they instantly sent to him the sum of Ten Thousand Merks; And when the Town in that surprise, not capable to resist him, thought good to send some of their number to treat with him; Yet he adding Violence to Violence, detained them Prisoners, and at length extorted from the Town no less than four Thousand Merks, which having been a manifest Robberie by Lawless Men, pretending to no warrand whatsoever: the said Town, and the Inhabitants thereof, ought to have full Restitution, with all Damages, notwithstanding of any Indemnity that afterwards was given, seeing the same was neither given to manifest Robbers without any Law or Warrand, nor can it secure against so great a Violence and Oppression.

May it therefore please Your Grace and Lordships, to give us Warrand for citing of the said Keppoch, and his Complices, not exceeding Ten, to Compear before Your Grace and Lordships, to answer in the Premisses, &c. And if they failzie therein, or that the Parliament shal not sit until the day of Compearance, then and in that case, to give us Warrand to cite them to appear before the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, for the effect foresaid, and to Declare that the foresaid Money, Spoiled and Robbed, as said is, is to be restored *cum omni causa*, any Pretence of Indemnity notwithstanding, According to Justice, and your Lordships Answer.